

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE SCIENCE OF THE FACE.

THE NEW PHYSIOLOGY; OR, SHAPES OF CHARACTER, AS REVEALED THROUGH THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE FACE, AND THE SCIENCE OF THE FACE. BY ALEXANDER P. WELLS. 2 vols. of the Philosophical Journal and Life Insurance. With more than 1,000 Illustrations. Vol. I, pp. 1-100. New-York: Fowler & Wells.

There are two physiognomists of the same name, who are mentioned in ancient history—the one eminently practical, the other a theorist. The first was Zopyrus, the servant of Darius, and a Persian nobleman, who cut off his nose and ears and fled to the besieged Babylonians. They ranked the extraordinary condition of his countenance, and knew the amiable propensities of Darius, they naturally concluded that the now-castor must have been inflamed by his monomania, and had, therefore, but meager reason for loving him. Zopyrus being at once advanced to the dignity of Commander-in-Chief, required the confidence of his adopted fellow-slaves by delivering the city to his master, of whom course he was ever after one of the most favored and striking ornaments. The second Zopyrus was the Athenian who discovered all manner of original sin and iniquity in the countenance of Socrates. Mr. Wells, who is in his new and very elegant treatise mentions the second Zopyrus among the ancient fathers of his art, has no allusion to the Persian who should be classed among his martyrs, and who took the very last means of concealing whatever treachery the astute Babylonians might have discovered lurking in his nose. This member in Zopyrus must have been of the class which Mr. Wells ranks as "relative offensive," of no little length and a remarkably high bridge. To compute so boldly a just man must have required no common fortitude, especially in the absence of clowns and all our respect for the moral and physical courage of Zopyrus, rises accordingly. A son of such a devoted soul should have lived after the discovery of the rhinoplasty operation.

The treatise of Mr. Wells, which is admirably printed and profusely illustrated, is probably the most complete handbook upon the subject in the language. It contains a synopsis of the history of physiognomy, with notices of all the different systems which have been promulgated, and critical examinations of the eyes, the nose, the mouth, the ears, and the brows, of several thousand distinguished and notorious characters. The views of the ancients Mr. Wells considers to have been of little importance. In Greece, physiognomy was cultivated "rather as a fanciful art than a natural science," and in Rome it was chiefly in the hands of those who told fortunes. During the dark ages, physiognomy "was generally connected with astrology, magic, and particularly with chiromancy and chiromancy." The founder of modern physiognomy was Hippolyte Forte, who printed a treatise at Naples in 1808. Lavater, in 1778, published his "Physiognomical Fragments." Of this celebrated man, Mr. Wells says: "His delineations of character were often exceedingly happy and strikingly correct; but they appear to have been founded mainly on his intuitive impressions." It is for readers to determine whether these discourses have made any improvement upon the method of their master; whether "intuitive impressions" are any more valuable than good guessing, and whether gone guessing ever rises in value to the dignity of an intelligent empiricism. Physiognomy, like physiology, must always be a system of coincidences, and faith according to these is limited by the credulity of the observer. A thousand long noses may satisfy one mind, while another, less easily convinced, may require five thousand. In case of either the larger or smaller supply, we are equidistant from positive demonstration. One hundred men with short noses are sure to rush in, and make a final havoc of our most ingenious classifications.

Lavater compressed his system into "One Hundred Physiognomic Rules," left in manuscript and published after his death. Mr. Wells gives a selection from these. The subject of observation is to be attacked, as it were, from an ambush, and if possible, in a moment of complete surprise. Thrown off his guard either by joy, anger or some other passion, he will have no opportunity to put up a dramatics. If two parallel wrinkles are noted between the eye-brows of a man, he is wise—a woman so marked is dignified and politic. Persons whose foreheads are inclined to be long, with close-set and un wrinkled skin, are justly entitled to a great variety of bad adjectives—they are "cold, malign, suspicious, severe, censorious, censured, mean and unforgiving." So, "oblique wrinkles are certainly a sign of a poor, oblique, suspicious mind." Large, clear blue eyes, denote a ready and great capacity, by nature inclined to enjoyment and curious inquiry. A nose turned downward is fatal to the possessor's moral character—he is "never truly good, truly cheerful, or noble, or great;" while a "turn-up nose" indicates "refined sense, eloquence and benevolence." A "disproportion between the upper and lower lip" is a sign of folly and wickedness." That chin "deceitfully indicates good sense which is somewhat incurred, or indeed in the middle." Women "with brown, hairy, bristly warts on the chin, are commonly good housewives." These are specimens of Lavater's rules; it is unnecessary to repeat them all. Mr. Wells admits that Lavater was a man of fine perceptions, but regrets that he knew nothing of his methods.

The modern system of physiognomy of which Mr. Wells treats before entering into an explanation of his own, are those of Alexander Walker and of Dr. Redfield. The former holds that "the face physiognomically considered, is primarily the organ and sign of sensation;" that "the organs of sense in the face do indirectly present indications of mental operations, because the acts of the will, unless preceded by mental operation." Large lips always indicate greater capacity with regard to taste and its associated desires. The short or upturned nose is evidently calculated to receive rapid impressions. Width of nose indicates the permanence of its functions; its height, their continuity. "Consistently" holds Mr. Walker, "with the mere physical capability of the short or upturned nose, to receive rapid impressions, and to lead, to rapid emotions, persons with such a nose are generally quick and pert. Consistently with the mere physical capability of the long and drooping nose slowly to receive impressions and lead to emotions, persons with such noses are more reserved in character." An eye of great magnitude indicates a capacity of receiving more powerful sensations of vision. Width of the eyes indicates the permanence of their functions; their high intensity. An ear presenting numerous elevations and depressions, and finely elaborate, is always more delicate. Mr. Walker's theories for the most part seem to be those of an acute physiologist.

Dr. Redfield's system we can only say that it appears to us to be extremely fanciful. What are we to expect of a philosopher who begins by maintaining that the two sides of the human body are representative of male and female—the right side feminine, and referring to love and affection; the left, masculine, and referring to wisdom and intelligence! After this, we may be prepared for any theory, however unique or curious; and we advise the reader to be well guarded against astonishment if he means to follow Dr. Redfield in his "Analysis of Man." He informs us that the four temperaments correspond to the four elements—the choleric to fire, the sanguine to air, the melancholic to earth, the phlegmatic to water. But this is by no means the end of the Doctor's analogies. The four temperaments correspond to the four parts of the day—the choleric to the morning, the sanguine to noon, the melancholic to evening, and the phlegmatic to night. They further correspond in the same order to Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, to childhood, youth, manhood and old age, and to many other things in groups of four too numerous to be mentioned. After a great deal of preparation of this kind, we come to Dr. Redfield's Physiognomy, which is so immensely complicated that it would take the best part of a long lifetime and an application fatiguing to master it. Dr. Redfield maps the face into 157 eminences and depressions. Every mountain has its private propensity, and every valley its assigned passion. There is a place in the chin for "The Desire to be Loved" (No. 142), and next to it, in effecting proximities, "The Desire to Love" (No. 143). Nothing could be more convenient and neighborly than that arrangement. If you are capable of a "Belief in Immortality" (No. 5), you may know the cheering fact by observing that you bulge considerably on the right side of the upper part of the head. If you are doubtful whether you have music enough in your soul to enjoy one of Herr Wagner's compositions, look at your face just over the eyebrow. If you are knobs there, buy your ticket for the concert at once. The looking-glass has not heretofore been recommended by novelists as necessary in the process of self-examination; but hereafter every man in determining for the purposes of amendment, his own deficiencies, must keep a mirror, both for his morning shaving and his morning meditation.

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